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# Possible BIA for Minden

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It seems there is some support for the creation of a Business Improvement Area in Minden, something that, ideally, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin would like to see come into fruition before the end of this year.

Minden Hills has been allotted more than \$40,000 through the province's Main Street Revitalization Initiative, which provides funding for projects aimed at supporting and benefiting small businesses. A meeting at the Minden Hills Community Centre last week brought together stakeholders to discuss ways in which that money might be spent. Some of those suggestions included improving the entranceway into Minden's downtown along Bobcaygeon Road from Highway 35; public washrooms; a park for children to play; and beautification efforts. The township will be submitting a proposal.

"It was a substantial bunch of the movers and shakers," Devolin said of the meeting's attendees, who included a number of business owners.

Also broached was the concept of a BIA for Minden.

There is a distinction between a business association and business improvement area,

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 students Emma Bull, left, Jacob Mantle and Elyse Boisvert are inviting the public to learn about their progress with the Leader in Me program at the school's first ever Leadership Day event on May 11 at the Minden school. This student-led event will be a showcase of the leadership skills being encouraged and fostered at the school. It also highlights the seven habits, based on the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey, written in 1989. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Leadership Day to celebrate students

**by DARREN LUM** *Times Staff* 

Archie Stouffer Elementary School is gearing up for its first ever Leadership Day on May 11 and is inviting the public to share in the celebration of their students.

The student-run event is the culmination of a two-year process for the Leader in Me program at the Minden school, which saw students adopt the "seven habits of highly effective people," based on the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey, written in 1989.

The seven habits are be proactive (you're in charge); begin with the end in mind (have a plan); put first things first (work first, then play); think win/win (everyone can win); seek first to understand, then to be understood (listen before you talk); synergize (together is better); and sharpen the saw (bal-

ance feels best).

Teacher Michele Coneybeare described the event as an opportunity to build the students' self-esteem and encourage leadership qualities in all students, particularly those unaware of their leadership potential.

"It's to celebrate the progress that we've made and it's not a program in the sense we're going to stop at a certain point. We're

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# Program helps students find strengths

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always growing and I'm hoping it will impact the next group of kids and the older kids become stronger leaders and it's not that we're after the kids that are already leaders, it's pulling those kids, who are maybe a little quieter or don't know their strengths, and help them build on those strengths," she said.

The one-day event is an opportunity for guests to visit the school's classrooms to see the benefits and hear from the students about what the power of the seven habits has meant for them in setting goals and achieving them.

On May 11, the day begins with an assembly (with decorations and setup by students in the Shine Team) that will include a performance by the skipping club, a presentation of the 7 Habits by PowerPoint from the Lighthouse Team; a thank you to recognize volunteers; music; and a review of the day to come.

Lunch will be served by the students in the Catering Crew in the gym followed by guests organized into groups to visit classes led by student guides. Each class will showcase one or more of the seven habits with activities, posters, skits, multimedia displays or how the steps are integrated into life at

The day ends with a closing assembly, which includes a thanking of the guests and bidding them farewell. It officially ends with a clap out.

Coneybeare remembers how one student took initiative this her to stop." past year to address the problem of students walking through a school garden. The student requested it be roped off and a group assembled to take care of the garden.

"I'm not sure without some of this being introduced kids would take the time to slow down as much with that. It was a student that was very kind, so the kindness has come obviously from home, but it's just 'we need to deal with this. Can I be the leader of that?' The way she took it on. ... That's a Grade 3 student. That's pretty impressive. So I think just feeling confident enough to jump in and say, 'Can I be the leader

Jacob Mantle and his Grade 3 class is busy working on a skit, The Doorbell Rang.

This skit will be performed multiple times for community guests and provide a lesson about the seven habits and being a leader.

Mantle proudly showed off his "goal medal," with the words "Get calm."

He said the seven habits have been the foundation for his new focus.

Grade 3 student Elyse Boisvert said this approach to life has helped her break out of her shell.

"I was very shy from kindergarten to Grade 2. Now I'm in Grade 3 I'm not as shy," she said.

Her teacher Coneybeare said with a smile, "Now I can't get

Elyse, a member of the Lighthouse Team, is looking forward to presenting a PowerPoint presentation of the seven habits at the upcoming Leadership Day.

She said breaking free from her shyness has allowed her to spread kindness and help people.

Two years ago, Coneybeare and four other faculty members went to Toronto and received two days of instruction about how to implement the seven habits at the school for the Leader in Me training. The following September Jane Austin began as principal. Austin happens to be certified to teach Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The school sent the small group to Toronto to help with community building.

The first year of implementation rested mainly with the teachers learning to apply it to the school and this past year there has been greater participation from the students.

With this being only the second year, it's still early for ASES. Coneybeare said there are some schools that have been doing this for close to 15 years.

"We have a long way to go, but we are seeing change in a lot of our students," she said.

Staff would appreciate pre-registration with the school for those guests wishing to participate in the day's activities. Contact Jessica Foulds by email j.foulds@tldsb.on.ca or call the school and speak with Michelle at the main reception.

# Scope of proposed BIA undetermined

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the former being a collective of business owners working together on promotional ideas, cross-promotion, beautification projects, etc., and the latter being a group of building owners within a defined geographic area who are mandated to contribute financially to such efforts.

Downtown Haliburton has a BIA, and building owners within its jurisdiction are required by the municipality to contribute financially. It is governed by a board of business owners and community members. Its latest project is the creation of a sculpture exhibition in Haliburton, where sculptures will be installed on fixed bases throughout the downtown, chang-

"The exact shape and form is not developed yet," Devolin said. "Is there a high likelihood that it would be similar to the one in Haliburton? I would say probably."

Just where the boundary lines of a BIA would be drawn is one of a number of questions that would need to be answered.

"The definition of downtown . . . there are two or three different yard sticks," Devolin said, adding, for example, would a BIA be confined to the downtown area, or would it include businesses located along the Highway 35 corridor.

"I'm not presupposing," Devolin said. "I'm excited about

The concept of a BIA is welcome to the owners of Up River

Trading Co.

"Absolutely, we would be in favour," said Paul Roy, who owns the shop along with Mike McKeon. "I think if the businesses get together within the community and are working together, that it's common sense that can't be anything but good, for all the individuals."

Some business owners who were at the meeting told the paper that while they supported the concept of a BIA in principle, they would need specific details before voicing support for a BIA in Minden.

"A business association is typically beneficial to a business community," Shawn Chamberlin, who owns the Dominion Hotel and Grill on the Gull, told the paper. "However the matter of any association, whether business or otherwise is always defined by jurisdiction and scope. I think there was some support in the meeting for the concept however I would not be able to offer an opinion until I knew what I was

"Personally, I'd rather have a business association," said Molly McInerney of Molly's Bistro Bakery. However, a number of attempts to create a business owners association

in Minden in recent years, in which McInerney was involved, have failed to come to fruition. "We haven't had time to do

With a BIA, McInerney pointed out, it's the building owners, who are not always the business owners, who are required to pay into a fund.

"My other problem with a BIA is that it's geographically restrictive," McInerney said. "What's the geographic area?"

In her mind, McInerney said a BIA should basically encompass Minden Hills township, but questioned how events in downtown Minden would benefit business owners in Carnaryon.

McInerney also questioned how much control business owners would have in the context of a BIA, versus how much control the municipality would have.

Minden Hills is working on an economic development plan and recently appointed an ec dev task force. Devolin told the paper that council also intends to create an economic development staff position within the township, hopefully by the end of the year.



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#### **Cops talk careers**

Const. Dianna Dauphinee, left, and auxiliary officer Marc Jones speak to student Hannah Riopelle about what it's like to work for the Ontario Provincial Police during the Career Fair at the high school April 25. The event was organized by the Haliburton **County Home Builders** Association and Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. /JENN WATT Staff





# War of 1812 to unfold at museum

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an April 26 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Soldiers will be cooking over campfires and firing off muskets at the Minden Hills Museum in June as the Military Re-Enactment Society of Canada comes to town to bring to life the piece of Canadian history that is the War of 1812.

On Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16 the society will set up at the museum, located at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, when uniformed members will construct a demonstration militia camp and provide re-enactments of battle tactics. Those re-enactments are set to occur at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The event will cost the township \$1,000 and the money will come from the museum's programming budget.

#### 2017 surplus

The Township of Minden Hills ended 2017 with a surplus of about \$48,500, which represents 0.67 per cent of the year's tax levy, and which will transferred to the township's capital project reserve. According to a report from treasurer and CAO Lorrie Blanchard, a number of factors led to the surplus, including but not limited to lower than budgeted wages and benefits as a result of un-required overtime, as well as

staff leaves and shortages; reduced vehicle costs due to lower fuel costs and less repair and maintenance expenditures; and higher-than-anticipated building permit fees.

#### Eco-challenge

The township is hosting an environmental challenge, asking teams to generate ways hydro usage at the Lutterworth water treatment plant can be improved. The contest launched last week, and teams can register until May 14 at 4 p.m. Site visits will take place May 15 and May 16 and submissions are due May 22. Entry forms are available on the second floor of the Minden Hills township office or on the township's website at www.mindenhills.ca. The winner of the eco-challenge will be announced during this year's Canada Day celebration. The winning team will win a cash prize of \$500 and the township has budgeted \$2,000 to complete the work in the winning entry.

#### Community Living

The township will hire clients of Community Living to run the re-use centre at the Scotch Line landfill from May through October, three hours a day for three days a week. The program is designed to give participants some handson work experience, while working toward completing their high school diplomas in partnership with the high school and school board's adult education centre. The cost will be just more than \$3,000, which will pay the wages of participants, transportation expenses, etc.

#### **Join in the Rambles**

Sunday Rambles are free, family-friendly, dog-friendly, casual Rail Trail walks. They always set out at 11 a.m. and explore different stretches of trail each week throughout May. Because they ramble out and back, no one can be left behind. Rambles welcome all ages and abilities. This Sunday, May 6, meet them in Donald on Koshlong Lake Rd, just near The Little Tart Bakeshop. Make sure to arrive early - say 10:30 with cash in hand if you'd like to sample some artisan pastries. Trail is flat and easy but be prepared for mud! The upcoming locations will be Geeza Rd, Howland Jct, and Kinmount - call or text Pamela at 705-457-4767 for more info, find them on Facebook or at www.FriendsoftheRailTrail.ca. There will be an Après lunch get together to continue the conversation with newly met friends at McKecks in Haliburton Village. /Submitted by Pamela Marsales



## Hike for Hospice returning to Haliburton

by NATE SMELLE

Special to the Times

To kick off National Hospice Palliative Care Week in Canada, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is bringing back the popular community fundraiser, Hike for Hospice. Held in solidarity with the broader campaign co-ordinated by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association – a national association which provides leadership in hospice palliative and end-of-life care in Canada – the event takes place each year on the first Sunday in May. By bringing together organizations working together in hospice palliative care from across the country, Hike for Hospice helps raise much needed funds for each of the participating agencies. HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins acknowledged that this would be the first Hike for Hospice in the Haliburton area since SIRCH organized the last event in 2014.

"Hospice, palliative and bereavement support are now all programs of the HHHS Community Support Services," said Tompkins.

"This year's event will have a similar format to previous hikes, with both a short one-kilometre hike around the high school track; and a four- to five-kilometre hike from the school along the lakefront and around Head Lake Park.'

According to Tompkins, funds raised through the local campaign will stay in the community, to provide specific support for future educational and equipment needs for the hospice and palliative programs. She said the annual event is more than just a fundraising initiative for the organization; it is also an excellent opportunity for them to raise awareness about the importance of the type of care they provide. Throughout the day, there will be information displays set up to educate participants about the services offered by HHHS.

"The Hike for Hospice event provides ongoing awareness for hospice/palliative work, both in-hospital and in the community," she explained.

"It reinforces Haliburton Highlands Health Services' ongoing commitment to the hospice and palliative programs, as well as bereavement support programs. The event itself provides a medium for family, friends, and staff/volunteers to celebrate the lives of palliative patients."

Hike for Hospice is a family and pet-friendly event that will take place rain or shine. Registration begins at noon on Sunday, May 6 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and hikers will start hiking at 1 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. there will be presentations followed by a Memory Walk. There will be live entertainment, refreshments and prizes awarded for the most funds raised by an individual and as a team. For more information regarding HHHS's Hike for Hospice fundraiser, to donate, or to register as a participant/team, visit www.hhhs. ca/foundation; or call 705-457-1580.

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#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** SUMMER STUDENT

The Community Services Department is seeking a Summer Student PARKS position from May to August. This position provides support and a variety of maintenance operations for the Community Services Department. Deadline to submit cover letter/resume is May 14, 2018 by 12:00 noon.

Visit www.mindenhills.ca for complete posting details,

#### **WATER SAFETY MESSAGE FROM** THE FIRE CHIEF

The public is advised to exercise caution around lakes, rivers and fast moving bodies of water during this time of year. Water levels and river flows can increase rapidly, creating dangerous situations. A reminder for everyone, including children and pets to stay a safe distance from all shorelines and riverbanks.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ROAD OPERATIONS MANAGER**

The Roads Department is seeking an Operations Manager. Reporting to the Road Superintendent, this position will be responsible for leading the day-to-day operations of the Roads Department. Responsibilities will include road and bridge maintenance, fleet management and winter control operations Deadline to submit cover letter/resume is May 11, 2018 by 12:00 noon.

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Inquiries, please email sprentice@mindenhills.ca

# EORN welcomes provincial funding for cell service

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is pleased about a \$71 million funding announcement from the provincial government to expand and improve wireless broadband capabilities in eastern Ontario, however, the project will require much more funding.

As previously reported, the Liberals' 2018 budget included \$71 million allotted for improving cellular internet in the area. In 2017, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is owned by the EOWC, made funding requests of both the provincial and federal governments to assist with the massive project, which carries an estimated price tag of \$215 million. A public-private partnership, the project will also require partners in the private sector.

Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs Jeff Leal made the official funding announcement on behalf of the provincial government at an event in Belleville on April 23.

"This commitment from the province is a great vote of confidence in the project," EORN chairman Murray Jones said in a subsequent release. "EORN is building on the investment we've already made in fibre optics across the region to close the gap in cell services and improve economic growth, quality of life and public safety."

"Funding for this project has been the EOWC's number one priority," said EOWC chairwoman Robin Jones. "The demand for mobile data is growing exponentially, but

our region is deeply lacking the needed infrastructure to keep up."

According to an engineering study commissioned by EORN, about a quarter of the area in eastern Ontario where there are homes, businesses and major roads is not able to receive cellular services, and, depending on the carrier, about two-thirds of the area does not have adequate capacity to provide reliable, quality, mobile internet.

Local politicians have long lamented this as an impediment to growth in Haliburton County.

There are still large swaths of Haliburton County without access to reliable, high-speed internet. Rather than connecting 95 per cent of homes and businesses in the region, an initial EORN project that began in 2010 and was completed in 2015 connected about 86 per cent of them, with an approximate 14 per cent coverage gap, according to EORN. However, many county residents complain about the instability of the internet they receive.

According to a recent press release from EORN, those service gaps are a result of "market failure."

"Rural areas don't generate enough revenue for cell carriers to build adequate services," the release reads. "The CRTC recently designated both mobile and fixed broadband as basic services for all Canadians. A public-private partnership would reduce carriers' infrastructure costs, creating a stronger business case to improve services and meet the CRTC's basic services goals."

There has of yet been no word on federal funding for the project.



Far out, man

Things got groovy, baby, at Canoe FM's Psychedelica '60s and '70s dinner and dance at the Haliburton Legion on April 28. The sold-out event was a fundraiser for the volunteer radio station. /CHAD INGRAM Staff



Canoe FM's Psychedelica '60s and '70s dinner and dance was a colourful occasion.





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# And they're off on the campaign trail

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

This past Tuesday, May 1, was the first day of registration for October's municipal elections. Anyone wishing to run for council has until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27 to file nomination papers.

This year's registration period is shorter than it's been in years past, after the province made some changes to the Municipal Elections Act last year. Another change was a requirement for candidates to gather 25 nomination signatures before they are able to run, a regulation that had been in place in Ontario at one time.

Each of Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities will be keeping updated unofficial candidates lists on their websites, so residents can see who is running for which position. Any residents considering or wishing to run for council can find information and forms on their lower-tier municipality's website, or by contacting the municipal offices.

As of press time, Lisa Schell, a Ward 1 councillor in Minden Hills for the past 12 years, had filed papers to run as deputy mayor.







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# **Reviving reserves**

HE FINANCIAL reserves of the County of Haliburton are too low, an auditor told members of council last week.

By the end of this year, the county is forecast to have total reserves of approximately \$2 million. Some auditors say that when it comes to a healthy level for reserve funds, municipalities should have the equivalent of about half a year's tax levy in the bank. In the case of the local upper-tier government, that would mean having reserves of about \$8 million.

Reserves are essentially municipalities' rainy day funds. Councils draw upon them for all kinds of reasons – unbudgeted road work, repairing flood damage, any manner of unforeseen or lastminute expense. They are sometimes also drawn upon for large, capital projects in order to avoid to

upon for large, capital projects, in order to avoid taking on significant debt.

This latter practice has certainly been common within the county, not just at the upper-tier level, but among its four lower-tier municipalities as well. All the local governments carry low debt and, of course, that, in its way, is a good thing. It demonstrates fiscal prudence; keeping one's financial house in order.

Low taxes, low services, low debt. That's typically the way things work in the county. Now, at the county level, it's low reserves as well.

Last week, the auditor told councillors that he didn't necessarily advocate for a pay-as-you-go approach, making a joke that if he'd had to pay for his house in cash, he'd still be living with his mother.

Obviously, there's a world of difference between personal finances and those of a municipality, but the analogy was not a bad one.

There are a number of things the community wants – a transit system of some kind, for many, a large, modern athletic complex – that could never be paid for out-of-pocket. At some point, some of these large-scale projects will require taking on significant debt. As the auditor pointed out, there's no reason that such projects can't be paid for in an inter-generational fashion, as they would benefit the community for decades. And, at least during the tenure of the current provincial

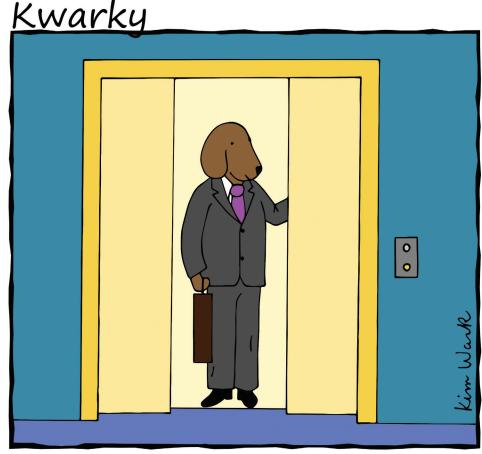
Liberal government, it's essentially become an unspoken rule that municipalities that carry more debt get more grants. Obviously hindsight is 20/20, but if the county government had have taken on some more debt for projects in recent years, it's likely it would have received

Reporter more debt for projects in recent years, it's likely it would have received more grants, or wouldn't have had to wait as long for the ones it did get.

It's also worth noting that under the Municipal Act, local governments cannot borrow for operations. So, for a local government with dwindling reserves, leaving reserve funds for operational expenses and borrowing for capital projects may make sense.

In short, it may be time for a shift in mindset when it comes to the way the county manages its finances. A recommendation from the auditor last week was that council institute a phased-in tax increase to direct more money to reserves. Sure, tax increases are unpopular, and politicians, especially in Haliburton County, often pride themselves on how small a tax increase they can deliver.

But that way of thinking has left Haliburton County with reserves that need to be replenished.



Downward Dog

# Green beard, straw hair: the height of cool

THINK IF any of the cool kids in town saw a photo of me in my turkey hunting attire, they might finally declare me an honorary member of the prestigious Cool Kids' Club. Heck, I might even start a new trend.

Not to brag, but whenever I go turkey hunting I smear various shades of greens and browns onto my face, white beard and sideburns and don a homemade ghillie suit. It is so effective, one discerning critic said, "It makes you look like you're playing the Cowardly Lion in a community theatre version of the *Wizard of Oz.*"

This is proof that my camo really works. If people are thinking I look like a

Cowardly Lion then they aren't thinking I look like a turkey hunter.

Better still, around here, Cowardly Lion, is as close to rock star as you can get – and, unless I don't know cool, I believe the kids would probably think that this is the cat's pajamas or even the bee's knees.

As you can imagine, my turkey hunting camouflage is really great.

Frankly, I've always thought it is bit of a shame I can't wear this outfit year round, outside of turkey season. Yes, I wear it every week at the office for our Camo Fridays, but since I work alone and from home that doesn't really count.

Unfortunately, there are two main reasons I cannot wear my turkey camo year round in public. They are Jenn and my maintaining a standard of dignity.

Anyone who knows me understands that the second one is for the most part a moving target. Sometimes I hit the standard. Sometimes I miss it. Most times I don't even aim in the general direction.

Jenn offers far more compelling reasons though. Like every couple, we spend a majority of our time debating the merits and drawbacks of dressing in full turkey hunting camo outside of the hunting season. Interestingly, she is not a

proponent of this.

To her credit, however, she has given this a lot of thought. In fact, she has a long list of reasons why it's best that I don't do this.

The first one is that if I wore my turkey camo every day in and around town, local dogs might routinely mistake me for shrubbery – which is never a good thing, apparently. She also suggests that my friends would chase me with hedge trimmers, if every now and again I waited patiently on their front lawn just for the chance to jump up and yell "Boo!" which, believe me, is something you would be compelled to do in the off season,

if you had camo this good.

I think her greatest fear is I might get taken home by strangers if I visit a garden centre dressed in my camo.

"Really?" I asked.

"Yes." she said, "Bonsai plants are very popular."

Furthermore, Jenn notes if I wore my camo every day it would a) not be special anymore and b) people and turkeys would soon know what to look for and c) I'd eventually wear it out. I'll admit, all these are

Lastly, she says that every time I wear my ghillie suit and face paint, she feels a strange compulsion to paint our walkway yellow and dress up as Dorothy, complete with ruby slippers and a little dog named Toto – which would not

be so bad if it were a retriever.

In spite of all these fine reasons, I think the community theatre issue is really her main concern. I actually think she believes that if more people saw me in my camo, it would encourage a *Wizard of Oz* or *Lion King* production in which I would, naturally, play the lions, probably to great critical acclaim.

So to summarize, basically she's afraid that if I continue wearing my turkey camouflage year round, I'll get discovered.

I guess it's possible, but not if I stay still.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

sound reasons too.

#### **INOTHER**WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# A Mayan in Minden

Having just returned with Michelle from a trip to Mexico, my mind is still coping with Mayan/Mexican images while re-adjusting to the familiarity of the Highlands;

and I can't help but overlaying and juxtaposing the two diverse cultures in order to seek some sort of homogeneous cultural state of mind within which I can relax and reflect.

The Mayan ruins in Tulum and Chichen Itza got me thinking about how Mayans revealed what their life was about, and I couldn't help but compare it to how we go about doing the same here

in Haliburton County. Of course it's not fair to compare a civilization with a small community like ours, but the creative side of my brain rejects that sort of logic, so I proceed regardless.

Although the Mayans are best known for their architectural pyramids and temples, they were also known as great carvers of stone. What we were told by our tour guides was that the carvings (stelae) on the Mexican ruins mainly depict the life of the upper echelons of Mayan society, and reflect their views on everything from war and spirituality to medicines and ball

games. The edict given to the rock carvers was to portray a visual, allegorical narrative.

How very different from what we see

from the majority of artists in our county. Most of our artists paint landscapes, where a narrative is virtually absent. Occasionally human existence is inferred by the inclusion of a brick wall, fence post, gate or barn. But if someone from the future tried to discover what our lives consisted of by looking at much of our local art, he would learn nothing more than the fact that we love

the scenery. Much more can be learned about Mayans by observing their ruins.

While we toured around the Mayan Riviera I kept an eye out for how today's Mexicans are visually depicting what is happening in their part of the world. Sadly there is way too much in the way of cheap Mayan reproductions, aimed at the tourist market. But there were some modern murals to be seen throughout our travels, some of them quite humorous. Those murals reminded me that in the Highlands we also have murals, one of which is also humorous. Contemplating this fact led me

to realize that storytelling in art could be found here, not so much in the art that we hang on our walls, but in some of our own murals found on the outside of buildings.

The mural on the arena in Haliburton shows that we love the game of hockey, and that we are home to some well known NHL players. There is a mural up high on a building in Minden which depicts a dogsled race. Murals on the Minden post office illustrate characters from Minden's past, and John Lennard's mural on the wall of Organic Times, the health food store, shows our logging heritage; while the mural in Wilberforce shows the importance of trains in opening up the Highlands.

But if anyone wants to see what happens year-round in this part of the world today, the most explicit mural is the humorous one which occupies two exterior walls of the Boskung Social building, formerly the Beer Store, on Water Street in Minden. Robert Van Nood's depiction of seasonal activities in the Haliburton Highlands, to me, is an invaluable piece of work, done in the manner of a cartoon. Cartoons are a recognized art form, and very much like the Mayan stelae, tell a story.

Van Nood is an artist, illustrator, humorist and designer. His mural has been up now for a number of years and it's familiar to most people who live in, or visit the Highlands. It's an incredibly detailed account of outdoor seasonal activities and shows that we are a people who love to ski, sled, fish, hunt, swim, and laze about the cottage. The colours, unlike the longfaded tints once adorned the Mayan stelae, are still as bright as the day they were laid on, and the humorous way the cartoon characters are depicted, going about their activities, still makes me smile.

I would suggest that Van Nood's mural is the most compelling artistic visual in Minden, and maybe the whole county; and sitting at the Boshkung outdoor patio in the summer, with the mural as a backdrop, sipping a brew, while overlooking the Gull River, is as good as it gets locally.

We arrived back in the Highlands just after the ice storm, and had to dig our way into the house. The contrast in weather and cultures was, and is, mind-boggling, but I'm slowly working my way back into the local reality. I'm eagerly awaiting the arrival of sculptures on the streets in Haliburton, but also bizarrely envisioning an ancient Mayan, in full ceremonial dress, trying to decipher, but totally enjoying, Van Nood's mural.

# The aches and pains of being active

**LAURIE SWEIG** 

**Practical Fitness** 

**GEORGE FARRELL** 

Special to the Times

vice I'm fine. When I don't, it's not pretty.

Over and over again I tell clients to stretch after workouts. The truth is that I don't like stretching. I can get away without stretching until I can't. That happened yesterday. I got back from a bike ride and my back seized up. It wasn't just the one bike ride that did it. It was a series of longer rides over a few days. I know, I should know better. I do know better. Still, I get

back from a ride, put my bike away and I'm on to other things. That worked on Saturday and Sunday but yesterday my body revolted. Thankfully, I've learned a trick to speed up the relief process. I am much better today. The secret is heat.

The first and most important thing to know is that heat should not be used on an injury caused by a trauma, and it should not be applied directly to the painful area (unless instructed by a healthcare professional). In my case I knew that I hadn't strained anything doing a specific movement. What happened was the muscles of my legs had tightened due to all of the work I was asking them to do. That tightness means they are slightly shorter than they should be and that results in a misalignment of other body parts. It's the

misalignment that shows up as pain. The trick for relief is to loosen up the tight muscles. Stretching is the only way to do

> that but heating the muscles first can assist the process.

The muscles involved in my situation were dominantly my quadriceps (front of the thigh), hamstrings (back of the thigh), and glutes (buttocks). Using a heating pad I warmed up each of those areas. Once that was done I stretched everything out. I've done that a number of times over the past 24 hours

and I am much better. If I sit for too long everything tightens up again but it is not as painful as it was yesterday, and it's a good reminder to stretch some more.

Many of us suffer from back pain. In some cases, like mine, it can be avoided by maintaining a regular stretching routine. Using heat in this way can improve the effectiveness of stretching. A warm muscle is a much happier muscle. Regardless, all muscles work their best when they are at their optimum length. It's best that we keep them there.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for *Fitness: www.thepointforfitness.com.* 

# Roll up your sleeves for Pitch In Day

### **Dorset** News

Lee Ross burgesslt@me.com

Earth Day may be over but that doesn't mean you can't pitch in and help the earth. Dorset's annual Pitch In Day is happening on Saturday, May 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are to meet at the Dorset Recreation Centre to grab bags, gloves and pickers. Everyone is welcome, group, individuals, businesses and sports teams. Coffee, treats and social time for helpers is happening back at the Rec Centre at 11 a.m. For more information contact the Rec Centre at 705-766-9968 or recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca.

The Dorset Lions Club invites you to join them for their day of service at the new Centennial Park Project on Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. There will be free coffee, barbecue hot dogs, soda and water. Stop by and walk the new nature trail installed in 2017, learn what exciting amenities are planned for the future.

Dorset's fourth annual Mother's Day Dinner is happening Sunday May 13 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Gather at 5:30 and dinner is at 6 p.m. Ham dinner with all the fixings and a vegetarian option is available. Dinner is provided free of charge, so come gather to celebrate moms. There will be activities for kids and adults, and if you can, bring a picture of your mom. Please RSVP by phone or text to Pat at 705-766-2373, or email lakeofbaysanglican@hotmail.com. This event is being hosted by Dorset and Baysville Winter Pantry and St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Dorset.

There's still time to donate to Team Dorset for this Sunday's Hike for Hospice. Visit their page at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hospice-huntsville/ p2p/HikeForHospice/team/team-dorset-2018/ or donate in person by coming in to Coldwell Banker Robertson Real Estate. 100 per cent of the proceeds will go to Hospice in Huntsville.

Happy birthday to Jasmine Dukoff and Bill Johnson. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@ me.com.

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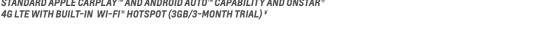
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#### **Brush In Hand**

Members of the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands with Carole Finn at the Finn Artists' Centre in Minden on April 28. From left are Chris Lynd, Finn, Laurie O'Reilly, Rossana Dewey, Daniel Manley and Terry Wright. / **CHAD INGRAM Staff** 

Elizabeth Turner stands with her work, which was named best in show, during the opening reception at Brush In Hand, at the Finn Artists' Center in Minden on April 28. The juried exhibition, featuring oil, watercolour, acrylic and encaustic paintings, is a joint effort between Finn and the Arts Council -Haliburton Highlands. It runs until May 27. The centre, located on Newcastle Street, is open from noon until 4 pm., Thursday through Sunday.





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# Don't worry, be happy, CARP members hear

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Happiness may not be a fish you can catch, but we can each enjoy increased happiness in our lives, if we learn some new mental habits and adopt a more appreciative perspective.

Peter Jennings's latest book is entitled Why Being Happy Matters, and the writer was at the Haliburton Legion on April 29 to talk about it with members of the Haliburton chapter of the Canadian Association for Retired Persons, which was holding its annual general meeting.



Author Peter Jennings shares some simple secrets for contentment from his book, Why Being Happy Matters, during the annual general meeting of the Haliburton chapter of the Canadian Association for Retired Persons at the Haliburton Legion April 29.

The book combines five years of research, plus nearly 40 interviews with people in Canada, the U.S., Europe, Asia and Australia and looks at how we go about cultivating genuine joy and contentment in our lives.

Some of the more well-known interviewees include John Robbins of the Baskin Robbins family, Rolling Stones keyboardist Chuck Leavell, Oscar-nominated film director Roko Belic, *Time* magazine columnist Joel Stein and "happiness expert" Dr. Christine Carter. A number of Jennings's interviewees were PhDs working in the area of "positive psychology."

What was one of the most common findings in his conversations?

"Money doesn't buy happiness," Jennings told the crowd. "Some of them were wealthy, some of them had no money at all."

Jennings said happiness seems to stem from being grateful for what one's got.

"Focus on what you have, not what you don't have," he said.

Jennings shared some of his own happiness breakthroughs with attendees.

"We are responsible for our own happiness; it's up to us to take control of how we feel," he said. "We have the power to choose happiness for ourselves. We can absorb the habits of others to become happier ourselves."

Not taking ourselves too seriously, learning to treasure relationships and realizing that if life is only about material possessions that happiness will remain elusive, were other pieces of advice.

You can learn more about Jennings's book at www.whybeinghappymatters.com/about. html.

## County reserves low, auditor says

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Haliburton County's reserves are too low, an auditor told county councillors last week.

During his presentation on the county's 2017 audit during an April 25 meeting, KPMG auditor Oscar Poloni told council it may want to start building the municipality's reserves balances.

Compared to similar municipalities, Haliburton County has low taxes.

"What we do see, however, is that reserves and reserve fund balances are on the low end," Poloni said.

While Poloni stressed it was not the auditing firm's place to dictate policy, he said the county's current reserve levels put it in a place of limited flexibility. By the end of 2018, the county is forecast to have total reserves of approximately \$2 million. Some auditors use 50 per cent of one year's tax levy as a benchmark for healthy reserve levels. In the case of the county, that would mean having about \$8 million in the bank.

"If you think about your personal lives, your personal finances, I'm sure you have savings, you have RSPs, what have you, you have those financial resources to allow you to deal with future events and plan for the uncertainties," Poloni said. "This, again, comes down to flexibility, and right now, from a reserve perspective, you have none."

"That's not a criticism, that's an observation," he added, and went to suggest that council might consider a multi-year plan to increase reserve fund balances.

"Your taxes are on the low end, so you may want to consider a phased-in tax increase,

and I can appreciate in an election year this is probably not going to go over well, but at the end of the day, long-term sustainability is something you may want to look at."

Poloni said the county's debt is manageable and low compared to similar municipalities.

"So this isn't a place where your municipality has a runaway issue with debt, and oftentimes what people will say is, our reserves our low, and our debt is low, and because of that, we're OK. And I can appreciate that logic. The only comment I would make is a couple of things . . . In some cases, you're going to want reserves for things you can't borrow for."

The Municipal Act prevents municipalities from borrowing for operating expenses, for example.

"I don't necessarily advocate, this is personally, for a pay-as-you-go approach," Poloni said, joking that if he'd had to buy his house in cash, he'd still live with his mother. He suggested that acquiring some debt to be paid off in an intergenerational way is not necessarily a bad thing, since decades of tax-payers would benefit from those infrastructure improvements.

Also, Poloni said the county is beginning to lag on the replacement of its infrastructure.

"Based on our analysis, your replenishment of your capital infrastructure is actually falling behind with what we consider to be your replacement plans," he said, adding that on the current path, at some point, the municipality's assets would begin to deteriorate.

Councillors thanked Poloni for his presentation.

"I think this kind of reporting makes us better," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "It makes us make wiser, strategic decisions."



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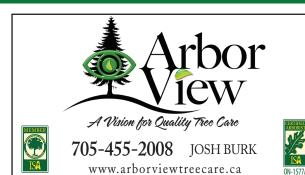
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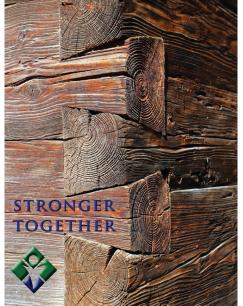
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# Council wants to hear from Bancroft transit group

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors would like to hear a presentation from Bancroft Community Transit about some of its plans for the area.

A representative from the group visited Highlands East council in March, requesting support for a community transportation grant from the MTO.

According to a report from Haliburton County planner Charlsey White, the application proposes using \$500,000 over five years for a transit service in the municipality, that would include service between Wilberforce and Bancroft and Gooderham and Bancroft. White's report indicated that Bancroft Community Transit had further

plans to connect to Haliburton Village and Minden, and, in an easterly direction, Belleville and Kingston.

A transportation task force in the county once included a representative from TROUT, The Rural Overland Utility Transit, a system that operated in and around Bancroft beginning in 2010. However, as White explained to members of Haliburton County council during an April 25 meeting, TROUT has been absorbed into Bancroft Community Transit.

"There was kind of a disconnect between what the county is proposing to do, and what Bancroft is now proposing to do," White told councillors. Council included \$50,000 in the 2018 budget for the creation of a transit implementation plan for the

Municipalities receive gas tax funding from the province which can be used to fund transportation projects. The quagmire for Highlands East council, to avoid double-dipping on the gas tax funding, is to choose between the system being proposed by the Bancroft group, and the one that will be created in Haliburton County.

"Our concern was that, are we going to compete with the Haliburton one, and, you know, I didn't want to do anything to compromise that," said Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton.

While Bancroft Community Transit was slated to make a presentation to the transportation task force in early May, councillors felt the presentation should also be made to county council.

"I would want to know why they're making a presentation to the task force as opposed to making a presentation to county council," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, suggesting the possibility of combining the two projects.

"It was sort of an out-of-the-blue thing," White said, adding, "there's no reason it can't be."

"It's a big project that everybody's pretty excited about it, and I think collaboration is the key for something of this magnitude," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

White added there had not been many details in the Bancroft delegation to Highlands East council.

"It was not a budgeted plan, it was not a business plan of any sort," she said.

White also pointed out that Algonquin Highlands township didn't seem to be included in any of the Bancroft group's future plans.

# Literary arts roundtable meets this Saturday The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands, initial LAR was a great success and we had cal writers. The program will include speerary event.

in collaboration with the Reading Writing Connection, is inviting all local writers to their second Literary Arts Roundtable. The LAR will take place on Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden.

RWC member Marie Gage said, "Our

a ton of ideas being shared. This naturally led to a second LAR to further explore these ideas and projects. It's a great opportunity to update local writers on the status of the new initiatives."

Following the success of the initial LAR in September 2017, the group continues to build on the information developed by locial guest Erin Thomas, author and creative writing teacher. Thomas will share ideas and tips fr om her experience in marketing her novels with "Writers and Social Media: Realistic but Ready."

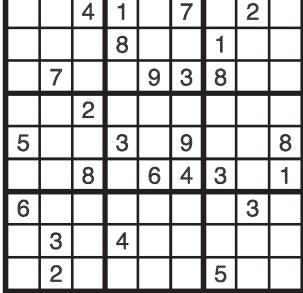
The LARs provide writers with the opportunity for their voices to be heard and strategies to be developed. By creating synergies among all types of artists, the LARs enhance the professional and creative experience for writers in the Haliburton Highlands. The Arts Council and RWC members welcome local writers and look forward to another successful lit-

Admission is free with coffee and snacks provided. A box style lunch is available for pre-order with your registration. Molly's Bistro will provide the box lunches for \$13 or if you prefer, bring your own lunch. Lunchtime is incorporated into the gathering as both an informal time for socializing and the formal reporting back of results of earlier discussions.

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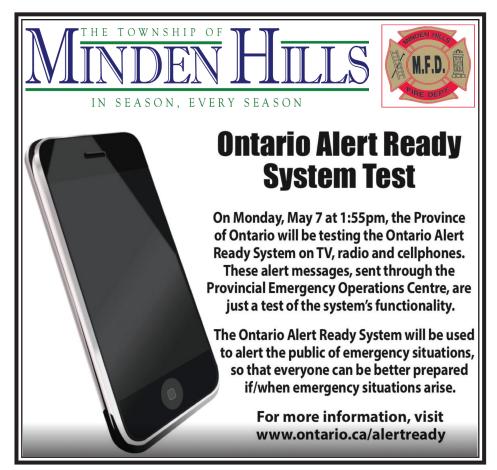
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Answers on page 16





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#### **ASES** places second

Archie Stouffer Elementary School player Scott King leads a fast break at the Division A 2018 County Basketball Tournament for senior (Grade 7/8) boys on Friday, April 27 at ASES in J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's Logan Baird jumps Minden. JDHES lost to ASES 24-16 to open the tournament. The Wildcats finished second at the against Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Darian Maddock tournament. /DARREN LUM Staff



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There will be a visit of the Lutterworth Water Plant on May 15, 2018 @ 5:00pm and May 16, 2018 @ 6:00pm. It is mandatory that one (1) member from each group attend on either day.

Contest closes

June 22, 2018 @ 4pm.

Judging will take place during the week of June 25, 2018. The winner will be announced at the 2018 CANADA DAY celebrations.







# Young curlers wrap season

The end of another fun filled season of youth curling is behind us and we have wonderful memories of this past season. So many new and enthusiastic curlers joined us this year. The senior curlers learn so much by helping to mentor the younger ones as well.

A huge thank you to the volunteers that could not make this happen. Our lead coach is Dave McKay with Scotty Boyd, Jane Boyd, Stuart Humphries, Peter Alexander and our high school volunteers this year were Lily Austin-Ward, Liam Little and Holly Parish. The children are extremely grateful to the parents and curling club members that provided them with a healthy snack when they arrived from school each week.

The season ended with our awards going to the gold medal team of Cole Hamilton, Emily Austin-Ward, Lilly Casey and Jayden Hamilton. The silver medal team of Kayla Switzer, Hailey Switzer, Mathew Fairey and Elyse Boisvert. The bronze medal team of Cole Boisvert, Olivia Thomas, Dalton Fairey and Fallon Thorn.

The Elementary School Team competed in a provincial bonspiel hosted in Carlton Place. Kaelam Little, Kayla Switzer, Cole Boisvert and Broden Boisvert competed against 64 other teams and played well through their six games. We are very proud of our teams effort and the representation of their school and curling club.

Submitted by Lynda Litwin, Convener of Youth Curling for the Minden Curling Club



This year's youth curling gold medal team included Cole Hamilton, Emily Austin-Ward, Lilly Casey and Jayden Hamilton.

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The bronze medal team was of Cole Boisvert, Olivia Thomas, Dalton Fairey and Fallon Thorn.



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#### **CFUW Haliburton Highlands:**

#### **Card & Games Party**

Proceeds to support Haliburton Highlands Student Bursaries/Community Services

When: Thursday, May 10, 2018 Where: Red Umbrella Inn 1075 Red Umbrella Road, Carnarvon

Time: 11:30 – Social & Luncheon 1:00 – Games Begin Tickets - \$25.00 each

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#### **Highlights Concert**

#### When: May 3 at 7 p.m.

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When: Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

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#### Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

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Wild Leeks, Edibles and Spring Wildflowers When: Saturday May 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

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When: Tuesday May 8, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton Join us for a discussion about the importance of climate change planning from the groundup with Tracy Roxborough and Victoria Ervick, Sustainable Severn Sound's Sustainability and Climate Change Action Plan Coordinators.

#### Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

# Badminton team reclaims COSSA championship

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

Attitude and hard work figured prominently for the Red Hawks junior badminton team in capturing this year's Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association championship team title on Thursday, April 26 in Haliburton.

The last time the juniors took the team title at COSSA was 2014, Hawks coach Jason Morissette said.

Morissette said none of this would have been possible without the strong work ethic of this group. He also commended them for their willingness to be coached. He appreciated their desire to improve and their regular requests to stay late for practice, which was usually five days a week from 3:45 to 6 p.m., starting in March. Their efforts in practice ended up inspiring Grade 9 teammates to also stay later. This team title is also a product of help from the senior players, who worked out with the juniors.

Every podium finish for the team proved to be pivotal for this championship.

The Hawks finished with 33 team points to edge out second place school, Port Hope High School by just three points. Port Hope scored a pair of first place finishes, which totalled 30 points.

The mixed doubles team of Hannah Riopelle and Ethan Glecoff finished third while teammates Zach Morissette and Braeden Robinson, who represented the team in the boys' doubles, finished second and the girls' doubles team of Melissa Brinkos and Rebecca Archibald also finished silver.

The point breakdown was 15 points for first, 12 for second, nine for third, six for fourth, three for fifth and one for sixth.

Riopelle and Glecoff may have lost the silver medal match to Norwood District High School, but earned the important nine points with two consecutive wins over St. Paul's High School of Belleville and Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute of Peterborough after dropping their second match to Norwood.

"Without the nine points the mixed [team] got us, we don't win the team title," Morissette said.

Coming into COSSA, this doubles team entered as the fourth seed from Kawartha and improved on that seeding. They finished 3-2.

This was Archibald's first championship and she called it "phenomenal."



Junior Red Hawks doubles badminton player Zach Morissette watches his shot.

After going to COSSA with her volleyball team and not being able to win there, it felt satisfying to win silver in her second COSSA experience. The silver is proof the hard work paid off.

"We worked really, really hard for this. Always going to practice. Always working on all the different things," she said, referring to particular shots at the net and precision with her serves.

Archibald recalls a timely adjustment before the final in a rematch against Quinte Christian High school of Belleville, who they lost their second match against and had left them in the tougher bracket.

The girls' doubles team recognized the back court player



Junior Red Hawks doubles badminton player Braeden Robinson stretches for a forehand.



Junior Red Hawks doubles badminton player Rebecca Archibald readies for a shot with teammate Melissa Brinkos looking on.

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# Hawks smash their way to victory

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from Quinte Christian was left handed. Instead of sending deep shots to the right corner (to take advantage of conventionally weaker backhands of a right-handed player), the Hawks team changed it up and put it in the left corner.

"It really helped us and we could take advantage of that. That's how we won. It was exciting and we medalled," she

They finished 4-1.

Archibald complimented her partner Brinkos for her open minded attitude.

"It's been really great to work together and to be able to give each other constructive criticism and be OK with that is really helpful for both of us," Archibald said. "If we mess up a play we can go next time ... and it's really helpful for that to be OK."

The two understood one another's strengths and weaknesses, she said. This helped their development and during

Robinson came through in the clutch with a new partner this year, Zach, who beamed about the team title and his own silver medal performance.

"It's pretty neat to have all the success. Great teammates

and good coaches," he said.

Zach finished sixth at last year's COSSA championship with another doubles partner. His partner moved away, but he hoped to improve on the sixth place with tournament rookie Robinson. Robinson practised with the team, but did not compete in any tournaments last year. Despite the lack of experience, he performed well to the satisfaction of coach Morissette.

His doubles partner agreed. "He really came through in the tight moments when we needed the couple points, or whatever, to win."

The doubles team duplicated the rematch victory as the girls' doubles team did by defeating East Northumberland Secondary School of Brighton in the silver medal match after losing to them in their second match.

They finished 4-1.

Zach said it's been a great year to this point of the sports season, which already included an Ontario Minor Hockey Association provincial title with his Highland Storm team and a tournament win with his Red Hawks junior hockey team.

He has an undeniable admiration and appreciation for his teammates.

"It helps that there are other teammates around that you can share it with – like a family bond," he said.

**Junior Red Hawks** doubles badminton player Hannah Riopelle picks up a loose shot with partner Ethan Glecoff looking on during the Central **Ontario Secondary Schools Association** championship on Thursday, April 26 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Close to half of the team earn berths to the double-elimination tournament./DARREN **LUM Staff** 



Junior Red Hawks doubles badminton player Melissa Brinkos returns a shot.

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High Single Hcp - june Fortune - 249

High Triple Hcp - Karen Baird - 764

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High Single – Dale Freitag – 270

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Clara Vuksic 286

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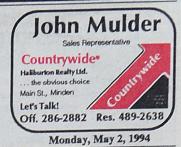
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# Cottagers prepare for municipal elections

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What's more is they'll be prepared to mount effective campaigns, armed with solid advice from seasoned politicians and pundits

More than 200 cottage owners attended a daylong conference in Scarborough on April 23, where election readiness was the primary focus. The occasion was the Federation of Ontario

(FOCA) spring seminar. For decades, cottagers have stood on the sidelines of the political arena, often grumbling

ing overlooked. Only recently have they begun to make significant inroads and the result has been a learning experience for cottagers and permanent residents alike.

In Haliburton County, most municipalities have representation from former cottagers or cottagers. These councillors, deputy reeves and reeves have discovered there are seldom simple solutions to problems. Meanwhile, permanent residents have come to realize these council members are not necessarily their opponents.

By getting involved in the political process, cottagers have broken free of the "troublemaker" label. Instead of criticizing from the sidelines, cottagers are get-ting personally involved in the solutions.

The keynote speaker at the FOCA seminar was John Birnbaum, the executive director of the Georgian Bay Association. He cautioned potential councillors that their views may not always prevail, "but at least we'll always criticizing." have been part of the action - not seen as just negative troublemakers

paigner has managed 24 elections over the past 18

years and boasts 22 successes. He told delegates

(More on page 4)



50 years service: Doug Godwin (left) is presented with his 50-year Ordinary Member pin by Royal Canadian Legion Zone Commander Sally Bonner at the annual Honours and Awards Dinner and Dance at Branch 441 in Kinmount on April 23.

## Hodgson earns MNR critic posting

Victoria-Haliburton's new Conservative MPP has been named Critic for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Chris Hodgson's understanding of the issues surrounding this ministry became evident during the by-election campaign, causing Conservative leader Mike Harris to take note.

"During his campaign, Chris demonstrated a tremendous grasp of resource issues so critical to his riding," Harris said. "He has earned the Natural Resources Critic post."

Hodgson welcomed the appointment. "It's encouraging to be given such an important role so soon after being elected. I'm looking forward to the challenge and hopefully offering some

The former Dysart Township Reeve has been a Member of Provincial Parliament since March 17 when he won the seat in a by-election.

"Decisions made at the MNR have repercussions on industry, recreation and tourism, the environment, municipal affairs and small business," said Hodgson. "One of my main objectives will be to ensure that decisions and processes are based on a common-sense approach which will provide results and take in the needs

Hodgson was also appointed to a Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.

# School board finalizes its budget

The Haliburton County Board of Education gave final approval to its 1994 budget with a surprising split vote.

The budget of \$17,076,545 was passed, but it was also opposed by five of the 14 trustees in attendance at last Tuesday's board meeting.

Glamorgan Trustee Craig Petit was the only member to speak out against the budget. He was asking for a reversal in the cut to teaching staff at the Gooderham school.

The budget calls for a reduction of .7 teachers at Gooderham Elementary School, which Petit said is a big mistake. While enrolment is increasing, the teaching staff is decreasing, he noted. Meanwhile, the school has a high proportion of students needing special attention.

Education Director Brad

Saunders said this situation is not unique to Gooderham. Enrolment is increasing across the board and there will be three fewer teachers next year.

Saunders said the board is not in a position where it can hire new teachers because the provincial social contract calls for increased pupil-teacher ratios. Therefore, additional teaching staff at Gooderham would mean reduced staffing elsewhere.

"Every school in one shape or another will be offering less service," he said. "It's a very difficult situation for all of us."

The pupil/teacher ratio in Gooderham is 12, which is w below the board average of 15.

Petit then asked if the board would consider hiring an educational assistant to help out at Gooderham. "If there's no change, please give us an EA to help the kids," he said. "Otherwise, the kids will just go through the system and be of no value to anyone."

The Superintendant of Schools, said there is a procedure for applying for educational assistants. He said Gooderham school has not yet applied for an assistant. He said any request will be considered according to the procedure when it is received.

Trustee Len Salvatori said funding for more teachers might have been possible if the board agreed to cut the number of trustees.

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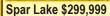
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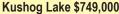




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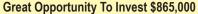
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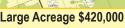
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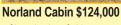




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